

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2386 without my signature.

The Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a vague and unenforceable law. If candidates subscribe to it, their opponents can attack virtually anything they say as a violation of the Code. If candidates do not subscribe to it, they can be attacked for failing to adhere to vague standards.

The Code is a slight to the good judgment of all Californians. If a candidate runs a dirty or unfair campaign and fails to follow “the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play,” the people are perfectly capable of making that determination themselves, without the aid of the Code. I trust the people’s judgment.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger